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For: METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR PARTITIONING SONET  
FRAMES INTO LOGICAL CHANNELS TO OPTIMIZE  
BANDWIDTH UTILIZATION

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Sir:

In reply to the Examiner's Final Office Action dated October 21, 2003, the period for reply petitioned to be extended one month herein to February 23, 2003, the following remarks are respectfully submitted in connection with the above-identified application as follows:

- Remarks/Arguments beginn on page 2.

This Reply, being filed on the first business day following February 21, 2004, is timely filed within the first month extended due date.